

Application No. 10/618,291
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 11, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A nonwoven cleaning laminate, comprising:

- a. an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer comprising coarse denier meltblown filaments; and
- b. an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer, wherein said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer exhibits a difference in coefficient of friction of at least 10% as compared to the abrasive layer;
- c. wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer and said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer are joined together in a face to face juxtaposition so as to exhibit regions in the laminate that are bonded and un-bonded; and
- d. wherein said un-bonded regions have an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer to absorbent nonwoven fabric layer contact surface area of between about 0.5 square inches and 12 square inches, said difference in coefficient of friction inducing slippage between said adhesive fabric layer and said absorbent fabric layer to allow said layers to shift and distort against one another.

Claim 2 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 1, wherein

said bonded regions of said laminate define unbonded regions of said laminate in the form of unbonded pillow regions essentially free from bonding, each of said pillows having a contact surface area of between about 0.5 square inches and 12 square inches.

Claim 3 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said unbonded pillow regions are each approximately 2.0 square inches.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 5 1, wherein:

said meltblown filaments exhibit an average diameter greater than about 25 micrometers.

Claim 7 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer comprises carded, through-air bonded staple fibers.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

said absorbent nonwoven layer has an approximate basis weight of 2.0 ounce per square yard, and is formed from staple length polypropylene fibers.

Claim 9 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said abrasive and absorbent fabric layers are ultrasonically thermal bonded.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A nonwoven cleaning laminate, comprising:

- a. an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer formed from coarse denier meltblown filaments exhibiting an average diameter greater than about 25 micrometers; and
- b. an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer formed from bonded staple length fibers, wherein said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer exhibits a difference in coefficient of friction of at least 10% as compared to the abrasive layer;
- c. wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer and said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer are joined together in a face to face juxtaposition so as to exhibit thermal bonded regions and unbonded pillow regions in the laminate;
- d. wherein said un-bonded regions have an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer to absorbent nonwoven fabric layer contact surface area of between about 0.5 square inches and 12 square inches, said difference in coefficient of friction inducing slippage between said abrasive fabric layer and said absorbent fabric layer to allow said layers to shift and distort against one another.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein:

said unbonded pillow regions are each approximately 2.0 square inches.

Claim 12 (cancelled).

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Claim 13 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein:

said absorbent nonwoven layer has an approximate basis weight of 2.0 ounce per square yard, and is formed from staple length polypropylene fibers.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 9, wherein:

said abrasive and absorbent fabric layers are ultrasonically thermal bonded.